

Muscatine County Board of Supervisors  
Monday, March 9, 2020

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. with Sauer, Sorensen, Mather and Saucedo present. Holliday was absent. Chairperson Sorensen presiding.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: All.

Edward Askew, 2952 155<sup>th</sup> St, Muscatine, expressed concern that he did not receive all of the information he requested from the County regarding correspondence between South East Iowa Link and Muscatine County. Askew also suggested the Board of Supervisors apply for readmission to the Eastern Iowa Mental Health Region.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, claims dated March 9, 2020 were approved in the amount of \$789,366.57. Ayes: All.

Discussion was held with Jenna Wagner, Prevent Violence Coalition, regarding their request to place blue pinwheels and signs in the Muscatine County Courthouse flower planters, along the sidewalk at the Muscatine County Jail and in front of the Community Services Building for April's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved a request from Mississippi Valley Child Protection to place blue pinwheels and signs in the Muscatine County Courthouse flower planters, along the sidewalk at the Muscatine County Jail and in front of the Community Services Building for April's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. Ayes: All.

Corey Leonard, Muscatine, addressed the Board stating he has been a participant in Special Olympics for over 37 years. Leonard stated the Special Olympics means a lot to him and wants young athletes to have the same opportunity he did.

Discussion was held with Planning and Zoning Administrator Eric Furnas regarding a proposed Muscatine County Acquisition Administrative Plan for FEMA funded acquisition projects. On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board approved the Muscatine County Property Acquisition Plan for FEMA funded acquisition projects. Ayes: All.

Furnas informed the Board some legislative bills discussed last week regarding removal of the agricultural exemption from Zoning passed the legislature.

The Muscatine County Board of Supervisors met as a Board of Canvassers for the West Liberty School Revenue Purpose Statement Special Election Public Measure A held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The Board certified the following results to be a true and correct abstract of the votes cast in the election: Yes Votes: 70; No Votes: 10; Total Votes: 80. Muscatine County is the Control County for this election and totals from Cedar County will be added at a second canvass on March 16<sup>th</sup> to determine the official results for Public Measure A.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved the following utility permit: Eastern Iowa Light and Power – boring under Hwy 927 near 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue to relocate overhead cable to underground cable. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved Resolution #03-09-20-01 Authorizing Weight Embargoes on Secondary Roads in Muscatine County. Roll call vote: Ayes: All.

**RESOLUTION #03-09-20-01  
AUTHORIZING WEIGHT EMBARGOES ON SECONDARY ROADS  
IN MUSCATINE COUNTY, IOWA**

WHEREAS, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors recognizes that recent weather conditions have caused soft subgrade and surface conditions to develop on some Secondary Roads; and

WHEREAS, Sections 321.236(8), 321.255, 321.471 and 321.473 of the Code of Iowa provide the authority for local authorities to impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated on any highway under their jurisdiction and Section 321.463 establishes the penalty for violating said restrictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, that an embargo be authorized where necessary on the Secondary Roads System for Muscatine County. The County Engineer is directed to restrict all traffic to an 11-ton gross load where deemed necessary on certain sections of the road system and to erect signs to advise the traveling public of these limits, in accordance with Section 321.472. If conditions warrant, the embargo is rescinded by the removal of signs by direction of the County Engineer.

ATTEST:

/s/Leslie A. Soule  
Muscatine County Auditor

/s/Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved the FY2020 Muscatine County DOT Secondary Roads Budget and Secondary Roads Five - Year Construction Program as amended to correspond with changes made during the FY2020 Muscatine County Budget process. Ayes: All.

County Engineer Keith White updated the Board on secondary road projects.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Mather, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class BB Beer (includes wine coolers), Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for the City of Muscatine, DBA Muscatine Municipal Golf Course, 1820 Hwy. 38, Muscatine, IA. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Sauer, second by Saucedo, the Board approved a renewal application for a Class C Beer, Liquor, Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Permit for West Liberty Golf & Country Club, 1248 Country Heights Lane, West Liberty, Iowa. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, minutes of the March 2, 2020 regular meeting were approved as written. Ayes: All.

Correspondence:

Saucedo reported calls regarding the Special Olympics.  
Saucedo and Mather reported a follow up call and email regarding a joint meeting with the  
City of Muscatine.

Saucedo received a budget report from the Community Y.  
Saucedo reported an email regarding possible spring flooding.  
Mather reported an email from a citizen regarding a flat tire.  
Mather reported an inquiry from a citizen regarding nuisance laws.  
Sorensen met with John Beckey and Cheryl Plank regarding Vision 2020 March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Committee Reports:

Mather attended a Muscatine County Health Association meeting March 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Mather attended a Veteran's Appreciation Dinner at the Armory March 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Mather attended a MAGIC Orientation March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held regarding a revised class specification and grade placement for an Eligibility Support Specialist. Schreiber stated Community Services Director Felicia Toppert requested two positions be combined resulting in a new grade and step placement for a current employee in the combined position. On a motion by Saucedo, second by Sauer, the Board approved a class specification for an Eligibility Support Specialist, Grade 8 and placement of the current employee at Grade 8, Step 7. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Mather, second by Sauer, the Board approved the hiring of Ashley Curtis as Receptionist at \$33,421. (Grade 7, Step 6) for Community Services. Ayes: All.

On a motion by Saucedo, second by Mather, the Chairperson was authorized to sign a Local Workforce Development Area Chief Elected Official Liability Agreement for a new region being formed by combining Region 9 (Muscatine, Clinton, Scott and Jackson Counties) and Region 16 (Des Moines, Lee, Henry and Louisa Counties). Ayes: All.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 A.M.

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Leslie A. Soule, County Auditor

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Jeff Sorensen, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors